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#### APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY

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### **APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the terms of 49 U.S.C. §§40109, 41301, and the Procedural and Economic Regulations of the Department of Transportation ("DOT") Queen Air, Aeronaves Queen, S.A. ("Queen Air") hereby applies for renewal of its exemption authority to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the one hand, and the coterminal points San Juan, Puerto Rico; Miami, Florida; and New York, New York on the other hand, and to perform charters in accordance with Part 212 of the Department's rules.'

In support of this application, Queen Air states as follows:

In accordance with the **FAA's IASA** Program and its assessment of the Dominican Republic as a "Category 2" country, Queen **Air** would conduct these services only by wet leasing aircraft **from** a duly authorized and properly supervised U.S. or foreign air carrier.

# APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXEMPTION AUTHORITY

- 1. By Notice of Action Taken dated December 1, 1999, Queen Air was granted authority for one (1) year to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail on the routes set out above and charter operations in accordance with the Department's regulations. This authority was most recently renewed by Notice of Action Taken dated November 24,2000 for a period of two (2) years, and therefore, set to expire by its own terms on November 24, 2002.<sup>2</sup> Queen Air requests that this authority be extended again for a further two (2) year period.
- 2. Queen Air currently holds authority from its homeland to operate between Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the one hand, and the coterminal points San Juan, Puerto Rico; Miami, Florida; and New York, New York on the other hand.
- 3. Queen Air has successfully operated Dominican Republic U.S. scheduled combination services utilizing modem, fuel-efficient equipment since December 1998 when it initiated operations. Queen Air is currently not operating to the **U.S.** Queen Air continues to be fit, willing, and able to operate the scheduled combination services referred to herein.

WHEREFORE, Queen Air, Aeronaves Queen, S.A. respectfully requests that the

Pursuant to **5** U.S.C. §558(c), as implemented by Part 377 of the Department's Regulations, Queen **Air** requests that the authority renewed by the November 24,2000 Notice of Action Taken as indicated above remain in force until the disposition of this renewal application.

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Department renew its exemption authority to the extent necessary to enable it to continue to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the one hand, and the coterminal points San Juan, Puerto Rico; Miami, Florida; and New York, New York on the other, and to conduct charters in accordance with the Department's regulations. In the alternative, Queen Air requests such other, further or different relief as the Department may deem necessary and proper.

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